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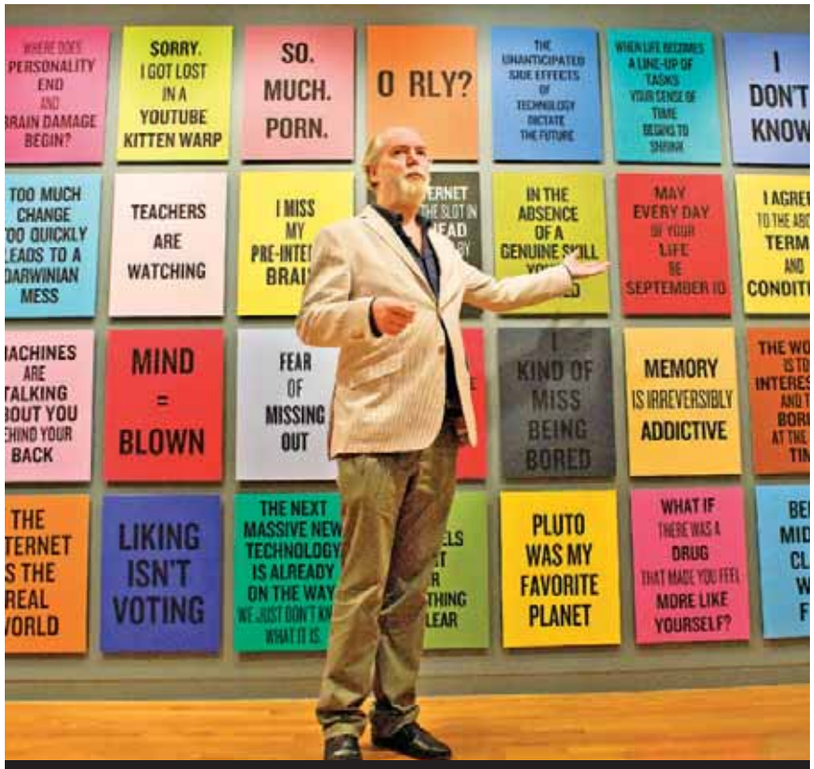
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Local artist Douglas Coupland invites people to Instagram his piece, Slogans for the 21st Century, on a sneak-peek tour of his first solo exhibit at the Vancouver Art Gallery. The exhibit, Everywhere Is Anywhere Is Anything Is Everything, runs from May 31 to Sept. 1. Story, page 4. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Court grants injunction for heroin treatment

Ruling. Addicts in local study get permission to continue with supervised drug use

Recovering addicts have returned to the streets to buy illicit drugs since the federal government abruptly stopped them from accessing heroin as treatment through a special access program in October.

"There is tremendous risk to them and to the community every day that's happening," said lawyer Joseph Arvay, who argues the government regulations banning heroin as treatment violate the patients' constitutional rights.

But these patients should soon get temporary relief after the B.C. Supreme Court granted an injunction Thursday to exempt them from the regulations while they and Providence Health Care, a local care provider, challenge the federal government in court.

"Given our success today, we're very confident we'll be successful all the way through to the trial," said Arvay, who represents Providence, at a news conference Thursday.

The 202 people in the Providence study SALOME — the first in the world to compare the efficacy of treating severe opiate addiction with heroin versus hydromorphone — have the court's permission to apply to Health Canada for injectable diacetylmorphine, or heroin.

Injectable diacetylmorphine is used as a last-resort treatment for people with severe addictions who haven't responded to other treatments. It's legally used in the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Twenty-one patients had already been approved for access when Health Minister Rona Ambrose suddenly changed the Health Canada rules, to the widespread dismay of the health community. Ambrose said the government didn't want to "provide heroin to addicts."

The regulations prompted Providence to take the unprecedented step of launching legal action against the federal government in November.

In his judgment granting the injunction, Justice Christopher Hinkson found the potential harms of stopping heroin treatment were "grave" and "clearly irreparable in nature."

Indeed, doctors have noticed a marked decline in patients' health and social functioning since their access to heroin was blocked months ago, Pivot Legal Society lawyer Adrienne Smith said.

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Spring session

Clark most proud of resource-sector education plan

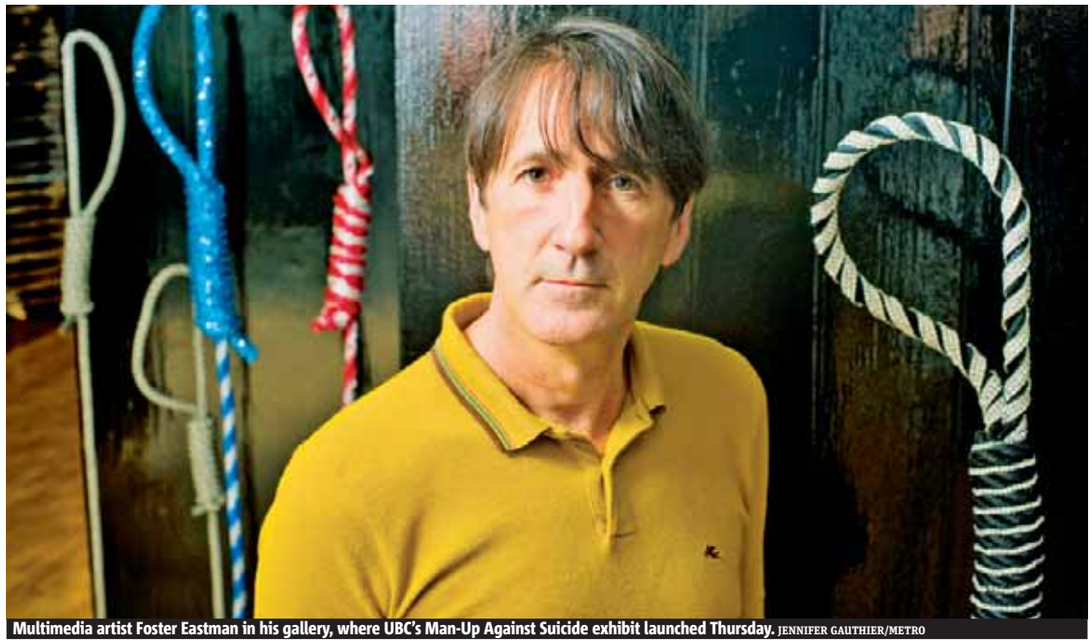
A plan to retool B.C.'s education system for what could be one million jobs in the resource sector tops Premier Christy Clark's list of achievements during the spring session of the legislature.

Clark said Thursday that an education system that places strong emphasis on skills training and apprenticeships will mean jobs for residents in an anticipated resource-industry expansion fuelled by liquefied natural gas.

The B.C. Skills for Jobs Blueprint, introduced last month, forecasts the prospect of one million jobs in the energy sector by 2022, including thousands of welders, pipefitters and heavy-equipment operators to build the proposed liquefied-natural-gas industry and other resource projects.

"It is going to be a massive change in our education system in the way we fund it, the way we run it," said Clark during a news conference hours before the legislature was set to adjourn for the summer. "I would say the most significant thing we accomplished over the year was creating that 10-year skills training plan."

Clark said delivering her government's second consecutive balanced budget, maintaining the province's top-ranked credit rating and issuing a joint formal apology to the Chinese-Canadian community for the more than 140-year-old head tax were also major accomplishments during the session. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Multimedia artist Foster Eastman in his gallery, where UBC's Man-Up Against Suicide exhibit launched Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Male-suicide exhibit helps artist understand his loss

Three times the rate of females. Creators hope to reduce taboo around mental health of men

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When Foster Eastman's friend took his own life two years ago, the Vancouver multimedia artist had difficulty grasping the seemingly senseless death.

"He struggled with drug and alcohol addiction, but it still was shocking," Eastman told Metro.

It wasn't until Eastman became involved with a University of B.C.-led multimedia photography exhibit, Man-Up Against Suicide, that he finally started to understand the dark thoughts that must have run through his friend's mind.

The exhibit, which launched Thursday, features a series of photographs and art installations put together by 25 men and women affected by male suicide. Some of the men had attempted suicide, while others had lost a friend or relative.

Funded by Movember, the exhibit aims to raise awareness of male suicide for the Men's Depression and Suicide Network non-profit group.

"What we're really trying to do is de-stigmatize men's mental illness so that we can talk about prevention strategies," said John Oliffe, a nursing professor at UBC who led the project.

To visit:

Man-Up Against Suicide runs from May 29 to June 29 at the Foster Eastman Gallery, located at 1445 West Georgia St. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Although the suicide rate for males is three times higher than the rate for females, according to 2012 data from Statistics Canada, Oliffe said, male suicide is still considered taboo.

While the project turned out to be a therapeutic experience for participants, Eastman said, it also helped him come to terms with his friend's suicide.

Soon afterwards, Eastman said, he created an art display — a noose made up of Hermès neckties — to honour his friend's memory and show that mental illness doesn't discriminate. Eastman said his friend came from a privileged background.

"I chose Hermès because it's the most expensive neck ties that there are," said Eastman. "He lived in a world where everything was at his fingertips ... and still took his own life."

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Take a photo, it'll last longer: Pics and phones OK at exhibit

Douglas Coupland. Exhibition explores social media, complete with an Instagram hashtag

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No one will scold you for taking pictures of the Vancouver Art Gallery's latest exhibit.

Smartphones are unusually welcome at, and sometimes an integral part of, local artist Douglas Coupland's "everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything" exhibition that opens at the gallery on Saturday.

"Find your favourite and put it on social media ... that's what it's all about these days," Coupland said, pointing to bright posters with pop-culture slogans on a media tour of his first major solo exhibition complete with more than 100 works of art.

The colourful, eclectic exhibition features everything from massive steel sculptures to Lego models to soap bottles to tsunami debris to tiny plastic sushi replicas.

It's divided into sections that comment on Canadian identity, growing up in the post-war era, pop culture, how the world has changed after 9/11 and the brain, explained chief curator Daina Augaitis.

It jumps from the silly —"Sorry. I got lost in a YouTube kitten warp" is emblazoned on one poster — to the serious, with a large model of the twin towers surrounded by pictures one can only see clearly through a camera lens. (Try it — one canvas transforms from dots to a clear photo of Osama Bin Laden.)

"With the dots, here's a system where you can create something which can only be fully experienced with a smartphone, which is something you couldn't do in 2001," Coupland said in an interview after the tour.

"It's about how quickly time goes.... In 10 years we've gone from zero to complete planetary ubiquity of everything."

That's part of the reason he welcomes photography at his exhibit, a phenomenon that has caused a "massive crisis" in the museum industry.

"I don't think it's possible to have people not take photos," he said, although he added some works can't be properly experienced through a lens.

"People are just strip mining museums for Instagram and wallpaper and stuff, which is kind of funny, actually, because it gets people involved."

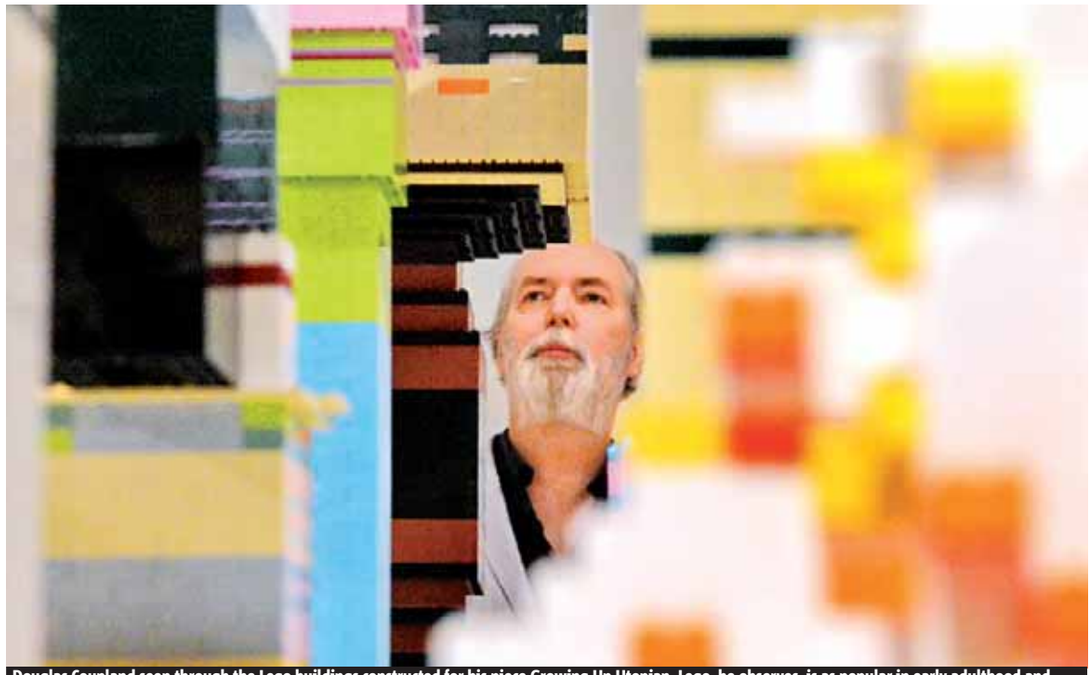
It was strange for him to see people experience his exhibit through their cameras — those on the tour were Instagramming away (the hashtag is #couplandvan, by the way) — but he's not worried about the phenomenon.

And it was a "good strange" seeing his exhibit debut at the first gallery he ever attended.

"It feels a little bit like going through a mirror and coming out the other side of a mirror," he said, remembering his first visit to the gallery giving him the same sense of opportunity as going to a hardware store.

"It was like, 'Oh, my god, all the things I could do with all these ideas in here.'"

The exhibit will run until Sept. 1 in conjunction with an outdoor piece "Gumhead" where the public is invited to stick their gum on a seven-foot tall sculpture of Coupland's head.



Douglas Coupland seen through the Lego buildings constructed for his piece Growing Up Utopian. Lego, he observes, is as popular in early adulthood and among architects as it is among children. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

In January, Coupland invited people to public events, where they were asked to build Lego towers. Then, for the VAG exhibit, he "knit together" some of that work, the best of which, he said, was by those who had complained: "Why on Earth do I have to go to a Lego build?" JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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Therapeutics Initiative warning doctors about prescribing statins

Health. Initiative says effects of drug, of which Lipitor and Crestor are common versions, on the liver and kidneys hasn't been fully studied

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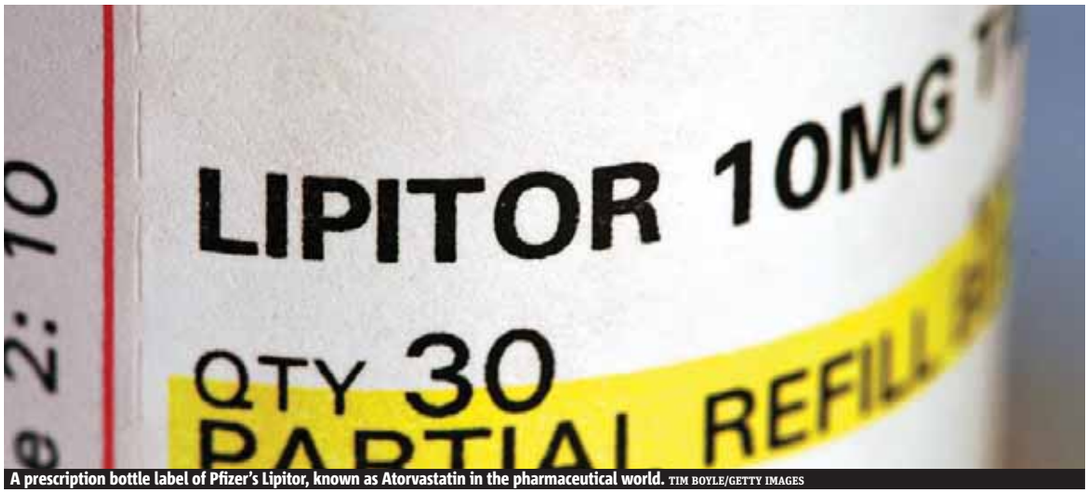

A prescription bottle label of Pfizer's Lipitor, known as Atorvastatin in the pharmaceutical world. TIM BOYLE/GETTY IMAGES

British Columbia's therapeutics watchdog is urging doctors to ease up on prescribing statins.

UBC's Therapeutics Initiative sent a letter to physicians and pharmacists Thursday saying that the use of the world's most widely prescribed class of drugs could have negative effects that outweigh any benefits for many patients.

The drug — Lipitor and Crestor are the two most common versions — has long been prescribed as a preventative measure against heart disease and stroke.

But the Therapeutics Initiative found that side effects such as muscle pain, weakness, and reductions in cognition, cardiorespiratory fitness, energy and sleep, along with the onset of diabetes and possible liver and kidney damage, have been under-reported and under-studied.

"It is clear that the magnitude of statin harms is greater with high doses than with low doses and that the added benefits of high doses is unlikely to exceed the magnitude of the harms in most, if not all, cases," the letter reads.

The letter warns B.C. doctors to be "vigilant" when prescribing statins.

The Therapeutics Initiative says many falls by the elderly can be traced to statin use.

B.C.'s only independent drug watchdog operates out of the University of British Columbia through funding by the B.C. Ministry of Health.

The $1-million-a-year program, credited with saving lives and keeping dangerous drugs away from the public, was on the B.C. Liberals' chopping block during the last provincial election, but public pressure led to its funding being restored in October 2013.

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Inquest rules ‘misadventure’ in death of Furlong’s wife

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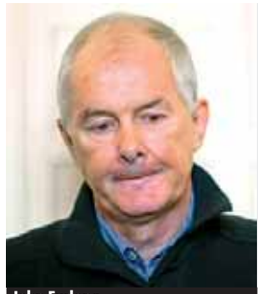

John Furlong
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A coroner’s court in Ireland found Deborah Sharp Furlong, the third wife of Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics boss John Furlong, died by misadventure.

The inquest into the fatal April 11, 2013, head-on car crash in Gorey, County Wexford, was heard May 28 by a coroner and jury in Dublin.

Sharp Furlong, an associate producer of CBC’s Arctic Air, was driving around 10:30 a.m. when her car collided with an oncoming SUV. Witnesses said the 48-year-old mother of two was on the wrong side of the road. The other driver, a male, suffered a broken foot.

Observer Susan Gray, a road safety and traffic victims’ advocate, told Metro that the judge gave the jury a choice to classify the death by accident or misadventure.

“Misadventure puts the blame on Mrs. Furlong, which is sad,” said Gray, founder of the non-governmental organization Promoting Awareness, Responsibility and Care (PARC).

Gray said John Furlong attended the hearing and testified that the couple had been on an extended one-month stay in Ireland at their nearby house. Gray said the court heard seatbelts were used and airbags deployed in both vehicles and that Sharp Furlong had neither alcohol in her system nor a pre-existing medical condition.

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Youth. Gov’t launches mental health study

The provincial government is now taking submissions as it attempts to gauge the mental health challenges faced by youth.

The select standing committee on children and youth — made up of 10 MLAs and chaired by Jane Thornthwaite — called for public input into its special examination Thursday.

“The committee’s goal is to foster greater awareness and understanding of B.C.’s child welfare system,” Thornthwaite said in a statement. “We want to engage with British Columbians and find ways to better meet the needs of youth with mental health challenges.”

The committee is looking for submissions on mental health challenges, best practices and priority areas for resources to treat and prevent youth mental health issues.

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Fatal crash

Five-year-old girl dies after accident

A five-year-old girl struck by a car in Abbotsford on Tuesday has died.

Abbotsford police said the girl, who was critically injured, died in hospital late Wednesday afternoon.

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Nelson accident

Man killed by tree identified

A southeastern B.C., man has been identified as the person killed in a logging accident near Nelson.

The coroner’s office says 36-year-old Laurie Kyle Levy died when he was hit by a falling tree. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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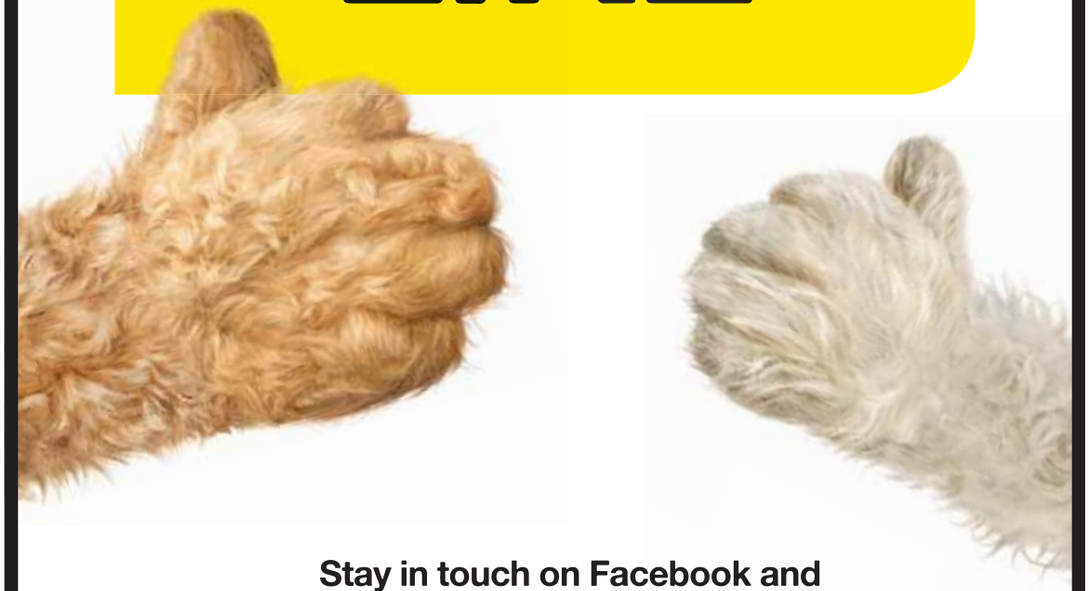

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Employer tells B.C. labour board it's entitled to chop striking teachers' pay

'The matter is extremely simple.'
BCTF disputing lockout provinces employer imposed Monday, when teachers provincewide started rotating strikes

The intensifying battle between British Columbia's public teachers and their employer moved to a provincial labour tribunal Thursday where the employer defended the right to chop 10 per cent of teachers' pay while the union demand a cease-and-desist order.

A lawyer for the B.C. Public School Employers' Association, on behalf of the government, asked the Labour Relations Board to rule that lockout provisions including the pay cut and a limit to teachers' hours of work could continue during the union's rotating strike.

Eric Harris argued during a day-long hearing that the employer is entitled to refuse teachers' pay if they're not doing their job.

"Our view is the matter is extremely simple," Harris told the tribunal adjudicator. "We are within our rights under the (labour) code."

A lawyer for the B.C. Teachers' Federation vigorously objected, telling the board the employer was making a "unilateral" cut without merit.

"The employer is being arbitrary. Frankly, they're just making it up in terms of their 10 per cent figure," Carmela Allevato said. "(The employer) again seems to be pursuing an agenda in order to provoke teachers into an all out strike."

The hearing comes during an escalating dispute between the union representing more than 40,000 teachers and the employers' association, which also represents provincial school boards.

The BCTF is disputing lockout provisions the employer has imposed since Monday, when teachers across the province began rotating strikes at schools across the province.

Harris told the board that teachers shouldn't expect 100 per cent of their pay when they're no longer fulfilling all their duties.

"BCPSEA has the right to lock out in these circumstances," he said. "We have not caused an amendment to the collective agreement."

The 10 per cent pay cut is significantly less than the percentage the union itself calculated for time worked, Harris noted. He said the issue should not be handled by the board, but instead moved before an arbitrator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Striking teachers man a picket line outside Killarney Secondary School in Vancouver on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Being ignored in workplace more damaging than bullying: UBC study

Sandra Robinson, a professor at UBC's Sauder School of Business
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Mother always said, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

But that attitude may be more damaging than helpful when it comes to the workplace, according to the latest study from the University of B.C.

Researchers found that, while most consider ostracism less harmful than bullying, being ignored at work is significantly more likely to result in people being unhappy in their jobs, quitting and having health problems. Feeling ostracized is so detrimental on mental and emotional well-being that its effect is worse than physical bullying or verbal harassment, the researchers found.

"People are hypersensitive to being ignored or excluded," said the study's co-author Sandra Robinson, a professor in the Sauder School of Business. "We're hardwired to be pack animals. We have to belong … and most of us are really uncomfortable if we get any cues that we don't."

Using a series of surveys, the researchers found that participants consistently said they didn't think workplace ostracism was less inappropriate, less psychologically harmful or less likely to be prohibited than harassment.

Additional surveys found that those who said they experienced ostracism were more likely to report feeling less of a sense of belonging in the workplace, a stronger intention to quit their job and a larger proportion of health problems.

Ostracism can manifest in many ways, said Robinson, from people deliberately excluding co-workers from important meetings to "forgetting" to copy them on emails.

Since ostracism is less visible than physical or verbal harassment, however, it makes it more difficult to detect and address, said Robinson.

"You don't know if it happened and if you think it did, you don't usually know why, so you ruminate a lot," she said. "That rumination probably enhances the effects."

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Morgentaler: 1 year later

Protesters gather at Victoria Park in Halifax on the one-year anniversary of the death of Dr. Henry Morgentaler on Thursday, as they campaign for improved access to abortion in Canada.

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Left: Queen Rania of Jordan looks on as Prime Minister Stephen Harper pledges some health initiative at the summit the PM is hosting in Toronto this week. Right: Melinda

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Harper's maternal

New funds. PM says he plans to 'persuade and cajole' other countries to follow suit

The Conservative government pledged an additional $3.5 billion over five years toward the prime minister's maternal, newborn and child health initiative, promising to "cajole" more from other countries.

Stephen Harper announced the new funds, for 2015 to 2020, at a Toronto-area primary school Thursday.

The commitment is slightly more than the $3.25 billion that a coalition of aid groups had been requesting, and was widely lauded by development organizations and international figures attending the summit Harper is hosting this week.

The money builds on Harper's five-year, $2.8-billion commitment to his so-called Muskoka Initiative, unveiled when Canada hosted the G8 summit in 2010.

Rosemary McCarney, a veteran Canadian aid worker who is one of the leaders of a 70-member coalition of aid groups, praised Harper for "a rolling, 10-year commitment, which is very rare in our world."

"We can actually produce real results when we've got time to get systems embedded in remote and rural communities," she added.

Harper said he planned to "persuade and cajole" other governments to follow Canada's lead and pony up more funds.

Dave Toycen, the head of World Vision Canada, said the commitment is significant because it will sustain momentum beyond 2015 on maternal and child health and keep it from being a flavour-of-the-month in the development world.

"I'm really encouraged. It's clear that the prime minister, the government is keeping their commitment," he said.

Harper said expanded funding would go toward immunization, nutrition and birth and death registration. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$3.5 billion over five years toward the government's maternal, newborn and child Gates gives the keynote speech on Thursday, the first full day of the summit.

$3.5B for health

Criticism

Conference lacks diverse voices, prof says

Stephen Brown, a political science professor who specializes in foreign aid, was highly critical of Harper's approach, though he said the funds are going to a worthy cause.

But with the government continuing to cut foreign-aid spending, this new commitment will only reduce what Canada can do in other areas, he said.

"We're focusing on symptoms and we're abandoning the underlying causes, which are poverty and inequality."

Brown also said the government excluded from the conferences anyone who might be critical of its policies.

"There aren't multiple voices at the table. The summit's a bit narcissistic; we're going to pat ourselves on the back; we're going to invite people who will tell us how great we are."

Harper has made helping young mothers and newborns in developing countries his signature aid priority.

He says the new funds will be focused on helping young children in the first month of life, who die in numbers that experts describe as alarming.

The prime minister is hosting a three-day meeting with experts from around the world, including philanthropist Melinda Gates, who gave the keynote speech at the summit's first full day.

In her speech earlier Thursday, Gates lauded Harper for his "powerful advocacy on behalf of people in developing countries."

"The Muskoka Initiative rallied the entire world around saving mothers and their babies."

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Switched-babies case before courts

A South African court has approved an investigation into a case of two baby girls mistakenly switched at birth in a hospital in 2010 and given to different mothers who are now in disagreement over how to resolve the traumatic situation.

The Centre for Child Law, a South African group that promotes children's rights, said Thursday that a court has appointed it to find out about the switch at a Boksburg hospital near Johannesburg, and to decide what would be in the children's best interests.

One of the mothers, who is single and unemployed, recently learned about the mistake while trying to get child support. She wants her biological daughter to be placed in her care, and to return the other girl to her biological mother, according to court documents. But the second mother has refused.

"We have to do a comprehensive investigation regarding the circumstances of the swap, the children's current circumstances and what would be in the children's best interests in the long terms," Carina du Toit, an attorney at the Centre for Child Law, wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

"The investigation will include extensive co-operation with psychologists and counsellors," du Toit wrote.

The centre is based in the law faculty at the University of Pretoria. On Monday, a provincial court instructed it to submit a report on the baby swap case within 90 days.

The children, now nearly four years old, were born at Tambo Memorial Hospital on Aug. 2, 2010.

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Two billion people overweight: Study

World health. Highest rates of obesity are in the Middle East and North Africa

Almost a third of the world is now fat, and no country has been able to curb obesity rates in the last three decades, according to a new global analysis.

Researchers found more than two billion people worldwide are now overweight or obese. The highest rates were in the Middle East and North Africa, where nearly 60 per cent of men and 65 per cent of women are heavy. The U.S. has about 13 per cent of the world's fat population, a greater percentage than any other country. China and India combined have about 15 per cent.

"It's pretty grim," said Christopher Murray of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, who led the study. He and colleagues reviewed more than 1,700 studies covering 188 countries from 1980 to 2013. "When we realized that not a single country has had a significant decline in obesity, that tells you how hard a challenge this is."

Murray said there was a strong link between income and obesity; in developing countries, as people get richer, their waistlines also tend to start bulging. In many rich countries like the U.S. and Britain, the trend is reversed — though only slightly. Murray said scientists have noticed accompanying spikes in diabetes as obesity has risen and that rates of cancers linked to weight, like pancreatic cancer, are also rising.

The new report was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and published online Thursday in Lancet.

Last week, the World Health Organization established a high-level commission tasked with ending childhood obesity.

"Our children are getting fatter," Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO's director-general, said bluntly during a speech at the agency's annual meeting in Geneva. "Parts of the world are quite literally eating themselves to death."

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One man's pothole solution

Entrepreneur Bill Mont fills in some potholes on Canal Street in Dartmouth, N.S., Thursday. The pothole problem in Halifax is so bad, Mont is taking matters into his own hands. "I decided today ... I'm not going to beat my car up anymore.... They're deep holes." A Halifax spokesperson said the pothole problem has been particularly pernicious this year, with more than 8,700 patched since January and another 1,500 still waiting to be done. Jennifer Stewart said residents are asked not to take action like Mont. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

'Concerning pattern.' Teen boys regularly view porn

A survey of thousands of young Canadian students across the country found a "concerning pattern" of teenaged boys seeking out pornography regularly, according to the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, while accounts of sexting were also commonplace.

The Ottawa-based digital literacy group conducted a wide-ranging survey with 5,436 students in Grades 4 through 11 about their lives online. Forty per cent of the boys admitted to looking for porn online. A third of the boys who admitted to viewing porn said they did so daily.

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Sex slavery activist leaves foundation after her background is questioned

A Cambodian woman internationally recognized for her work against sexual slavery has resigned from the foundation she helped create following reports that she distorted parts of her own history.

Somaly Mam's memoir, The Road of Lost Innocence, said she was abused and sold into prostitution as a child — one of several claims now being questioned

She received U.S. government funding for some of her early work, as well corporate sponsorship and backing from celebrities, including actress Susan Sarandon and Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg.

A statement issued Wednesday by the foundation's executive director, Gina Reiss-Wilchins, said Mam's resignation was accepted after the group was presented with the findings of a two-month investigation it had commissioned from a California-based law firm, Goodwin Procter. Details of the findings were not released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Judge orders gov't to rule on parole for death squad leader

South Africa apartheid era. Eugene de Kock has been in jail since 1994 after a killing spree that cost dozens of lives

A South African judge has ordered the correctional services ministry to decide within 30 days whether to grant parole to the former head of a covert police unit that tortured and killed dozens of people during white rule.

Judge Thokozile Masipa ruled Wednesday in the case of Eugene de Kock, who confessed to murder and other crimes and was sentenced to life in prison. He has been in jail since 1994, when apartheid ended.

The case is highly sensitive for the South African government. It seeks to promote the ideals of reconciliation and forgiveness embodied by the late anti-apartheid leader, Nelson Mandela, but must also address the enduring anger of people who lost family members during white rule.

De Kock has said he is the only member of the former police force serving time for crimes committed on behalf of South Africa's old order and he maintains he acted on instructions from leaders who were never punished.

His lawyer, Julian Knight, said de Kock is legally entitled to parole and has alleged that the government has violated his client's rights by delaying a decision on the latest parole request. Previous requests for parole were turned down.

Masipa's order instructs the minister of correctional services to "take a decision authorizing, alternately refusing, the placement of the Applicant on parole."

The order refers to a recommendation made by a government panel that advises the correctional services minister on parole decisions for offenders serving life terms. But it does not provide details on the recommendation.

The department of correctional services is considering the matter and will act in line with the judge's order, said spokesman Manelisi Wolela. He declined to comment further.

Judge Masipa is also overseeing the murder trial of athlete Oscar Pistorius, who is being assessed at a psychiatric hospital. The trial resumes June 30.

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Laxer rules could mean 2M more babies a year

China. Some couples will be allowed to have a second child under new rules

China is preparing for two million extra babies a year as a result of a loosening of its "one child" birth limits that will allow more couples to have two children, health officials said Thursday.

The party announced in November that couples in which one parent was an only child would be allowed to have a second baby in some areas. Previously, both parents had to be an only child to qualify for this exemption.

China already faces a shortage of maternity beds, said Wang Guoqing, a deputy minister of the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

Local authorities have been told to build more health facilities for women and children and add maternity beds, said Zhang Shikun, an official with the commission in charge of women and children's health.

China had 18.5 million births in 2013, according to the UN children's agency UNICEF. The forecast increase would be the equivalent of about 11 per cent of that. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'One child' policy history

The ruling Communist Party introduced birth limits in 1980 to curb population growth and demand for water and other resources.

- Pressure to enforce limits has led local officials to force women to abort fetuses or to be sterilized, even though such measures are illegal.

Zhengzhou. Five injured after cop misfires gun at kindergarten safety talk

A handgun went off during a police safety talk at a kindergarten in the central Chinese city of Zhengzhou on Thursday, injuring four adults and one child, police said.

The gun misfired during a demonstration and the bullet struck the ground, sending up sparks and cement that hit the arms and legs of bystanders, the city's Zhengdong police post said on its microblog. The injuries were minor, the statement said. It said two police officers involved were confined as an internal punishment by the department, and that a deputy director, a squad chief and an instructor had been suspended. Police extended "heartfelt apologies," it said.

Until recently, few Chinese police carried guns. China has some of the world's most restrictive gun laws and prohibits almost all private gun ownership. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Military coup

Protest thwarted by more than 1,000 troops in Thailand

More than 1,000 Thai troops and police sealed off one of Bangkok's busiest intersections Thursday to prevent a planned protest, as authorities said they would no longer allow any demonstrations against last week's military coup.

Truckloads of soldiers blocked all incoming roads to the capital's Victory Monument in a massive show of force at the height of evening rush hour in an area that serves as one of the city's commuter bus hubs.

More than a dozen police prisoner trucks were parked along the emptied roundabout, but there was little sign of protesters, who have come out almost daily to defy a ban on political gatherings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian elections

Questions over turnout persist after landslide victory

Nearly a year after he ousted Egypt's first freely elected president, former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi was elected president by a landslide of 92 per cent of the vote, according to unofficial results released by his campaign Thursday. But questions over the authorities' drive to boost turnout threatened to stain his victory.

New details emerged of a frantic government effort to get officials, town mayors and prominent families in southern provinces where voting was low to push up turnout during the three-day election amid a boycott by el-Sissi's Islamist foes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Teenage cousins gang-raped, found hanging from tree

India. Two police officers arrested, three more suspects sought

Less than 18 months after the brutal gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old medical student in the capital triggered laws to fight sexual violence, a horrific case in a remote part of central India is again sparking nationwide outrage, but activists say nothing has changed for women.

Two teenage cousins were gang-raped on Tuesday and their bodies were found hanging from a mango tree in Katra village in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

Villagers found them Wednesday morning, hours after they had disappeared from fields near their home, Atul Saxena, a senior police officer, told Torstar News Service. The two girls, aged 14 and 15, had reportedly gone to the fields because there was no washroom in their home.

Saxena said the autopsy showed the girls had been raped and strangled before being hung. He said two police constables, ages 19 and 35, had been arrested and a hunt was on for three other suspects.

The police constables have been suspended, as well as the police chief who is accused of not taking immediate action after being alerted to the missing girls by their family on Tuesday night, he said.

Villagers did not let the police take down the bodies until the accused had been arrested.

After the 2012 attack on a moving bus, there were protests and demands for stricter laws. The government tightened laws on sexual violence last year. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Mass killing

Parents of UCSB killer mourn rampage victims

The parents of the young man who carried out the deadly rampage near the University of California, Santa Barbara, say in a statement that they are "crying out in pain for the victims and their families."

On Friday night Elliot Rodger killed six people and wounded 13 others in the student community of Isla Vista. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Loco-motive

Woman thrown off train and crushed in India

A woman was crushed to death after a conductor pushed her off a moving train for boarding the wrong coach early Thursday in western India, police said.

Ambekar said police have arrested the conductor and were questioning him and other witnesses. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Missing schoolgirls

President plans full-scale assault on Boko Haram

Nigeria's president Goodluck Jonathan said he has instructed security forces "to launch a full-scale operation to put an end to the impunity of terrorists on our soil," but gave no details.

He also vowed "to do everything possible" to find more than 300 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A woman walks by a morgue and coffins of pro-Russia gunmen killed in fighting with Ukrainian troops for control of the city's airport in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Thursday. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebel rocket attack kills 12 in east Ukraine

Ukraine's armed forces suffered devastating new losses Thursday, underlining the scale of the challenge the country faces in quelling a guerrilla-style insurgency that has proven to be agile and ruthless.

A rebel rocket attack brought down a military Mi-8 helicopter ferrying out troops, including a general, on the outskirts of Slovyansk, killing at least 12 people onboard.

Acting president Oleksandr Turchynov told parliament in Kyiv that rebels used a portable air defence missile against the helicopter.

Slovyansk, a city of 120,000 people, has become a focal point for the armed pro-Russia insurgency and has for weeks been encircled by Ukrainian troops.

While Ukrainian forces may be better equipped than their opponents, fears that the standoff could degenerate into brutal urban warfare have so far held authorities back from ordering an all-out assault.

In recent days, Ukrainian troops have taken to deploying mortar shells in their bid to retake Slovyansk, causing civilian casualties and prompting some residents to flee. The tactic has produced few immediate results other than deepening distrust toward the government and instilling fear.

"They are shooting at us from grenade launchers, we hear explosions. The windows of our house are shaking," said resident Olga Mikhailova, who said she was leaving the city for the safety of her family. "I have four children. It is terrifying being here, because I am afraid for their lives."

Russia's Foreign Ministry on Thursday denounced the use of aircraft and artillery against the rebels and demanded that Kyiv end a "fratricidal war and launch a real political dialogue with all political forces and representatives of the regions."

The ministry said it would be impossible to restore peace in Ukraine without ending the government's military action against the rebels and withdrawing Ukrainian troops from the east. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Biting into Beats. Gadget giants look to Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine on getting to core of what makes wearables functional *and* fashionable

Beats Electronics' colourful, oversized headphones serve as a fashion accessory to cool kids riding the New York City subway, but as tech companies such as Apple, Samsung and others are discovering, wearable gadgets like smartwatches and Google Glass still have a long way to go to become trendy, must-have consumer items.

Apple's $3-billion US purchase of Beats Electronics, by far the company's largest acquisition, is at least in part recognition that Beats founders Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine might be able to help Apple incorporate more style and flair into its premium technology gadgets, especially a coming wave of wearable devices.

Technology companies see wearables as an important area of growth beyond smartphones and tablets, and many are slowly realizing that if they expect people to wear gadgets — be they bracelets to monitor fitness activity, smartwatches to substitute smartphones or Internet-connected goggles — those devices must focus as much on form as function.

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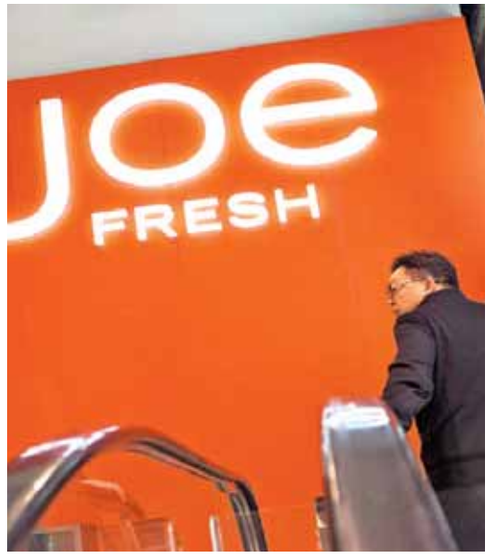
Fashion + accessory

"I guess they are accessories, but I would not say they are high fashion."

Alison Minton, a blogger who writes about accessories, jewelry and handbags on accessorygeneration.com



Canadian clothier goes global

A shopper rides an escalator to Joe Fresh in the former Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto on Thursday. The Canadian clothing brand is betting that affordable fashion is a concept that knows no borders as it opens a location in South Korea this weekend — its first store outside North America. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Diversity

Googlers mostly white, male

Google has had more trouble diversifying its workforce than its computer scientists have had writing programs that respond to search requests in the blink of an eye or designing cars that can navigate traffic without a human behind the wheel.

That seemed to be the conclusion when the Silicon Valley giant this week issued a gender and ethnic breakdown of its workforce that showed that of its 26,600 U.S. employees, 61 per cent are white, 30 per cent Asian, three per cent Hispanic and two per cent black. Thirty per cent of its employees are women.

"Google is miles from where we want to be," said Laszlo Bock, head of personnel at Google.

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1 Casting stones. This week's most illuminating tale is that of the saintly paragons of morality at Chaste Bank of America. Pardon me. CHASE Bank. I never get that right. Anyway, the virtuous crusaders have put their feet piously down on holy ground and courageously shut down the personal bank accounts of adult entertainers. Bravo to this bastion of righteousness for standing high above the rest. Management has yet to officially outline the crackdown criteria, but there's probably nothing to worry about unless you've ever done anything that anyone you've never met thinks is wrong.

2 High aspirations. Former B.C. premier Mike Harcourt is turning over a new leaf. And rolling it into a joint. As chair of the new medical marijuana company True Leaf Medicine Inc., Harcourt believes he can help people cope with pain. The enterprise has applied for a grow licence and will research different strains of cannabis to address various conditions. Despite the tour de force, this politician will still not admit to ever having inhaled himself.

3 Kim Kan. Kan Kanye? Kim Kardashian and Kanye West legitimized their blessed union in lavish fashion last weekend. Kim looked resplendent in her Givenchy dress, which defied critique but for the purity of its white. Ceremony and reception were held in two separate European countries, reminiscent of my own wedding, which took place in two separate rooms, but hey, that's just how I roll. Mazel tov, Kimye.

4 The defence rests. The Indiana Pacers live to fight another day after holding LeBron James to just seven points in Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals. But the top trending subject in basketball is still #Donald-Sterling.

5 Unnatural causes? Word of the week is #TechNeck, which happens when we spend too much time looking down at smartphones. Elle magazine blew the lid off this scientific scoop warning of dire consequences like wrinkles, double chins and loose skin. Unless, of course, you already have these things, in which case, text away.

6 22? Me too! Census Bureau Information revealed that for the first time since 1947, baby boomers are not the majority generation. Apparently, there are now more 22-year-olds than any other age, which explains a lot, but also makes me really wonder, "What the hell was I doing in 1992?"

7 Out of the Blue. Memorial Day turned musical with the renaming of a New York street in honour of jazz legend Miles Davis. On what would have been the trumpet maven's 88th birthday, a stretch of the Upper West Side newly entitled Miles Davis Way further immortalized the bebop bandleader, and forever became a destination for transcendental grooviness. Can you dig it?

8 Travelling Shoes. America mourns the loss of a poet, author and civil-rights activist in the incomparable Maya Angelou. She was 86 and bequeathed her repertoire of words to the world. I leave you with Angelou's line in Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion: "Love is many things. It's varied. One thing it is not, and can never be, is unsure." #RIP

ZOOM

Saving grace in Cracolandia

A woman, left, stands as she sings with members of the Paz e Vida church as other drug users gather in a Cracolandia in a northern slum of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Preachers minister to addicts in Brazil's 'cracklands'

Dressed immaculately, the evangelical preachers head out to work when night falls. They journey through the gloom into the "cracklands" where addicts consume crack cocaine in open-air dens.

After midnight, hundreds of grime-covered addicts lie on the sidewalks of the Jacarezinho slum. They focus on little more than the next fix, on finding a lighter to put flame to pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What the tourists in Rio won't see

This horror scene, well hidden from the eyes of tourists heading to Rio for the World Cup,is one some of the preachers know well.

Not long ago, many were addicts themselves. Now they're here to preach the Gospels. They talk of God to those who will listen, hoping to find converts, to rescue souls from the crack epidemic that's swept Brazil in recent years. Pastor Celio Ricardo says he has had hit-and-miss success in persuading users to at least try quitting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feeding body before soul

"At first they need to rest because this drug leaves them hallucinated.... They lose hunger, they lose the will to live. They want to drug themselves to death, and here we try to reverse that situation."

Pastor Celio Ricardo,
who says the first challenge is taking care of the physical needs of addicts — only then can they go on to tackle spiritual issues.

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Part man, part owl, all viral terror

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The Lord of Tears is a 2013 Scottish horror film starring Owl Man, an avian take on Slender Man, with a distinct interest in a schoolteacher.

So what do people tasked with promoting a movie armed with a ghastly villain do? They take it viral, of course, beginning with spooking bored browsers on Chatroulette. That's cool, I guess.

However, lurking in the shadows is England's abandoned St. Mary's Children's Hospital ... to terrorize amateur photographers?

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That's terrific stuff. Or fake stuff, perhaps. Note: Obviously, there's some salty language involved. (LordofTearsMovie/YouTube)

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Death by a million tired gags

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Jokes not as wild as the West in MacFarlane's latest film. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Set in Arizona's wild west, MacFarlane is Albert, a mild-mannered sheep farmer who hates the frontier. "It's a disgusting dirty place," he says, "a cesspool of despair." The despair of his day-to-day life is compounded when his girlfriend, Louise (Amanda Seyfried), dumps him and takes up with a wealthy owner of a moustache grooming shop (Neil Patrick Harris). He finds love again with a mysterious stranger Anna (Charlize Theron), who helps him cope with dangerous frontier life and grow a backbone. His newfound courage is tested when Anna's husband, outlaw Clinch (Liam Neeson) rides into town. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- **Richard:** ●●●○○
- **Steve:** ●●○○○

Not quite cringeworthy.

MacFarlane disappoints with mostly safe jokes

Richard: Steve, I laughed at A Million Ways to Die in the West, but strangely enough, I was hoping to be more offended by it. Each week on his show Family Guy, Seth MacFarlane manages at least one joke that makes me cringe. I expected him to push the envelope even further for the big screen. Sure there are some wild and crazy jokes here, but they're at the level of Judd Apatow, not MacFarlane. Was it outrageous enough for you?

Steve: It is outrageous, but the brazenness in MacFarlane's big-screen sophomore effort is buried beneath more juvenile gags involving bodily gases than the off-kilter comedy his show or Ted succeeds with. Perhaps by covering off all areas of writing, directing and then hiring himself as the lead, MacFarlane suffers from an inability to self-edit. Speaking of, what do you think of MacFarlane as leading man?

RC: I do find him funny, but I can't help but hear Peter Griffin in his voice and I find that distracting. His part is basically one joke. He's the fish out of water who speaks like a 21st century smart aleck. For instance, as people around him are killed in increasingly wild ways — hence the movie's title — he observes, "We should all just wear coffins for clothes." It's a good line, but his overall performance is more Bob Hope than John Wayne.

SG: It's true but, in this, MacFarlane seems to think his gags are more brilliant than they actually are — as if audiences haven't seen an explosive diarrhea gag before. That said, when he pushes social mores, he goes for the jugular focusing most notably on historic racism. It comes off for some uneven narrative. It's a good thing he surrounds himself with a solid supporting cast.

RC: Comparisons to Blazing Saddles are inevitable. Both movies have social commentary mixed with cringeworthy gags — some may literally make you gag — but A Million Ways to Die in the West doesn't have the satiric subtext that made Mel Brooks' movie great. MacFarlane relies on anachronisms and shock-value jokes to raise a smile, and spends too much time on the love story. Brooks went for the jugular, and 40 years on it's still funny and edgy. A Million Ways to Die does have at least one classic moment that will appeal to everyone over age 30 and the most undignified duel ever, but it doesn't have much resonance.

SG: It doesn't have much heart, either. Although Charlize Theron does a stalwart job playing the romantic interest against MacFarlane's spineless pessimist, the filmmaker's ceaseless determination for punchlines only undermines the film's attempt at circling back to an earnest love story. In that respect, it lies as lifeless as the film's many, many corpses. And that includes the western town's unnoticed, three-day dead mayor.

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Sci-Fi & Fantasy

Maleficent

Director. Robert Stromberg

Stars. Angelina Jolie

Maleficent explores the untold story of Disney's most iconic villain from the classic Sleeping Beauty and the elements of her betrayal that ultimately turn her pure heart to stone. Driven by revenge and a fierce desire to protect the moors over which she presides, Maleficent cruelly places an irrevocable curse upon the human king's newborn infant Aurora. As the child grows, Aurora is caught in the middle of a seething conflict.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 52% **Audience:** + 98%

Drama/Comedy

Million Dollar Arm

Director. Craig Gillespie

Stars. Jon Hamm, Suraj Sharma

Million Dollar Arm follows J.B. Bernstein, a once-successful sports agent who now finds himself edged out by bigger, slicker competitors. He and his partner Aash (Aasif Mandvi) will have to close their business if J.B. doesn't come up with something fast. Late one night, while watching cricket being played in India on TV, he comes up with an idea so radical, it just might work. Why not go there and find the next baseball pitching sensation?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% **Audience:** + 92%

Comedy

The Grand Seduction

Director. Don McKellar

Stars. Brendan Gleeson, Gordon Pinsent

A small fishing village must procure a local doctor to secure a lucrative business contract. When unlikely candidate and big city doctor Paul Lewis lands in their lap for a trial residence, the townsfolk rally together to charm him into staying. As the doctor's time in the village winds to a close, acting mayor Murray French has no choice but to pull out all the stops.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 56% **Audience:** + 71%

Drama

Filth

Director. Jon S. Baird

Stars. James McAvoy, Jamie Bell

Scheming Bruce Robertson, a bigoted and corrupt policeman, is in line for a promotion and will stop at nothing to get what he wants. Enlisted to solve a brutal murder and threatened by the aspirations of his colleagues, including Ray Lennox, Bruce sets about ensuring their ruin, right under the nose of unwitting Chief Inspector Toal.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 71% **Audience:** + 90%

Drama

We are the Best

Director. Lukas Moodysson

Stars. Mira Barkhammar, Liv Le Moyne

We are The Best is Moodysson's adaptation of his wife Coco's graphic novel about three young misfits growing up in early '80s Stockholm. Pixieish, mohawk-sporting Klara (Mira Grosin) and her best friend Bobo (Mira Barkhammar) are 13-year-old rebels looking for a cause. Despite having no instruments-or discernible musical talent-the two put all their energy into forming an all-girl punk band.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 100% **Audience:** + 70%

Mystery & Drama

Tom at the Farm

Director. Xavier Dolan

Stars. Xavier Dolan, Pierre Yves-Cardinal

Tom, a young advertising copywriter, travels to the country for a funeral. There, he's shocked to find out no one knows who he is, nor who he was to the deceased, whose brother soon sets the rules of a twisted game. In order to protect the family's name and grieving mother, Tom now has to play the peacekeeper in a household whose obscure past bodes even greater darkness.

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Xavier Dolan has a mama complex

Tom at the Farm.
Young filmmaker admits he's obsessed with the mother figure

Xavier Dolan directs and stars in Tom at the Farm. CONTRIBUTED

Quebec filmmaking whiz Xavier Dolan says his first three films — I Killed My Mother, Heartbeats and Laurence Anyways — are about the subject of impossible love.

But he also admits those movies, as well as subsequent efforts Tom at the Farm and recent Cannes Film Festival hit Mommy, share another link — a certain type of character he has a fixation with.

"I'm obsessed, I think, with the mother figure, obviously," the 25-year-old director-actor-writer said in an interview. "It's always there in my movies."

And so it was that, when Dolan saw Québécois author Michel Marc Bouchard's French-language play Tom a la ferme, he was struck by the widowed mother grieving the loss of one of two sons on her rural property. When her late son's secret lover arrives for the funeral, a dark dynamic develops.

The mother figure was "literally the first thing that hit close to home when I watched the play and decided to adapt it into a movie," said Dolan.

"I was like, 'Whoa, the mom — sick character' ... When I saw her and her being exhausted and living on that farm and being so ... desperate for company, I was like, 'That's inspiring.'"

In Dolan's Tom at the Farm — opening Friday in Toronto and Vancouver, and in Victoria on June 20 — the mother, Agathe, is played with perfect nuance by Lise Roy, who also starred in the play. Pierre-Yves Cardinal brings a chilling intensity to Francis, her son whose dark side emerges when the late brother's partner, Tom (Dolan), visits their Quebec farm from the city and finds it hard to leave.

Bouchard co-wrote the film with Dolan, who had never before based a film on someone else's work. Dolan said he didn't want to be judgmental when it came to the characters living in the countryside.

"I've been brought up in the country half of my childhood and then the other half in town and I don't want this to come off as prejudiced," the Montreal native said in a downtown hotel room at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"These people are crazy, wherever they live. That is a case of sheer insanity that Tom is encountering and it's not about hicks that will (mess) you up," he added, using an expletive. "It's not the way I thought. It's not a Deliverance thing.

"Tom was the opportunity to try to bridge that ever-growing gap not only between city and country, but between human beings who are just evolving in different environments but who both feel the loneliness and who are both wounded."

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When you're fascinated by failure

Filth. Writer Irvine Welsh has always loved characters whose lives are crumbling

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James McAvoy (right) plays a convincing middle-aged alcoholic cop in Filth, which opens in select markets Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Scottish author Irvine Welsh has made a career of chronicling not-too-nice characters in books like Trainspotting, Porno and Filth. That last one, about a corrupt, drug-abusing detective vying for a promotion, is the latest of Welsh's works to make it to the screen, with usually very nice James McAvoy in the main role.

In adapting Filth to film, did you worry actors like James McAvoy, Jamie Bell and Imogen Poots might be too pretty to play these characters?
That was the original concern with James. When I first met him he looked about 10 years old, basically, and I thought there's no way he's going to be able to play a 40-year-old divorced alcoholic cop, but he does rough up very well. He really did look the part. The makeup and costume were fantastic, but it was just his way of carrying himself with that sneer and that alcoholic kind of attitude that he could exude.

It's a very taxing lifestyle this character lives.
Yeah, the guy is in complete disintegration. We catch him at a really bad time in his life. If you're a novelist, you're essentially a dramatist, and that's where the drama kind of lies. If we're having a bad time, we start making all the bad decisions, compounding that misery. I think that's where the drama lies. The drama doesn't lie in that nice, hard-working middle class suburban guy who everything is going right with. It's when things start to fall apart in people's lives that things get interesting from a novelistic point of view.

What draws you to these types of characters?
I'm always interested in the mechanisms by which people fail. Failure has always fascinated me. I find it much more interesting than success. Success is pretty boring. If you're successful at something, you just feel good about yourself, and you get on your high horse and start talking nonsense about how you see the world and all that, imparting your wisdom whether people want it or not. But failure comes in all different forms. It teaches you things.

James McAvoy gets to actually be Scottish on screen for once.
Yeah, he does! He's kind of been everything but Scottish in so many roles, so it was very fun for him, I think. And he wasn't even speaking in his own voice. He's from the west of Scotland, and he was speaking in a very east of Scotland accent. Americans won't notice the difference, but to Scottish ears it's very, very apparent, and it's a very difficult thing for somebody from the west of Scotland to pull off convincingly an east of Scotland accent. If you have a Glaswegian do a bad Edinburgh accent, it really hits home.

You're right, I don't think American audiences will catch that.
Yeah, they won't care (laughs).

Any updates on the talks of a Trainspotting sequel?
We actually all got together in a flat last week, the creative team from Trainspotting. We just took an apartment in Edinburgh and hung out together, just to see if it was feasible, to see if we can get a script together. And that's a big challenge. I think we're all conscious of the legacy, and if we just find that we can't get a script together that's at least as good as the original — which is kind of a tall order, really — then we'll just leave it. We won't trash the legacy of the original, but if we come up with something really special that has a bit of magic in it, then sure. Obviously it would be a very different film because the characters in it would be 20 years older, so it wouldn't be a youth movie in the way that Trainspotting was. But I think there's something interesting about these characters being middle-aged and not coping with it well or pulling one last big scam, centred around the pornography and sex world. But we're still in that stage of trying to find out how viable it is.

Quoted

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Irvine Welsh on talks about a Trainspotting sequel

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Bugs!: A Rainforest Adventure (STC)
A.M. Fri 11
Journey to the South Pacific (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-2-4 Mon-Thu 12-2
Rescue (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Rocky Mountain Express (STC) A.M. Wed-Thu 11
To the Arctic (G) Fri-Mon 3 Tue 11-3 Wed-Thu 3

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street,

Maleficent (PG) Mon 4:15-7-9:15
Maleficent 3D (PG) Fri 4:15-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-7-9:15 Tue-Thu 4:15-7-9:15

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street,

Belle (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:30
Fading Gigolo (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:15-10
Fed Up (G) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:15-6:40-9:15 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:15-9:35
The Grand Budapest Hotel (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Grand Seduction (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:50

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

Blind Chance (STC) Fri 8:40 Wed 6:30
The Constant Factor (STC) Thu 6:30
Curse of the Golden Flower (14A) Tue 7
Eroica (STC) Sat 4:30 Sun 6:30
The Illumination (STC) Sat 6:30 Wed 8:50
The Last Day of Summer (STC) Sun 8:15
Mother Joan of the Angels (STC) Fri 6:30 Mon 8:30
Night Train (STC) Mon 6:30 Thu 8:20
Pharaoh (STC) Sun 3
A Short Film About Killing (STC) Sat 8:20

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

Maleficent (PG) No Passes Sat-Sun 2:15
Maleficent 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 4:35-7-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway

Filth (18A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun-Tue 9:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed
Only Lovers Left Alive (PG) Sun-Tue 7
Taking My Parents to Burning Man (STC) Fri-Sat 9:30
Top Gun (PG) Fri 12

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver 900 Burrard St

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:50-7:20-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:55-10:10
Driving Miss Daisy: The Play (STC) Wed 7
Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 9:30
Godzilla (PG) Fri 12:50-3:55-7-10 Sat 3:55-7-10 Sun 12:50-3:55-7-10 Mon 12:50-3:50-10 Tue 12:50-3:50-7-10 Wed 12:50-3:50-10 Thu 12:50-3:50-7-10
Godzilla 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:30
Led Zeppelin ``Celebration'' Day Encore (STC) Mon 7:30
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National Theatre: King Lear - Encore (STC) Sat 12:55
Neighbors (18A) Fri 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Sat 1:30-5:15-8:10-10:40 Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20
X-Men: Days of Future Past (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:55-4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon 12:30-3:30-6:40-10:25 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50
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Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street

Cruel & Unusual (STC) Sat 10:15
Final Cut - Ladies and Gentlemen (STC) Sat 4:30
Stress Position (STC) Fri 10:30
The Thin Blue Line (STC) Tue 7
Tom at the Farm (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat 8:15 Sun 8:20 Mon 8:30 Tue 9:30 Wed 8:30 Thu 6:30
We Are the Best! (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat 6:15 Sun 2:15 Mon 6:30 Wed-Thu 8:30

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

Shallow Seas 4D (STC) Fri 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15 Mon-Thu 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15

Esplanade 6 200 West Esplanade

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG) Fri-Wed 9:30
Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG) Thu 9:30
Godzilla (PG) Fri-Wed 3:50 Thu 3:50-9:30
Godzilla 3D (PG) Fri 6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 10:05-12:50-6:40-9:50 Mon-Wed 6:40-9:50 Thu 6:40
Maleficent (PG) Fri 3:45-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-9:45
Maleficent 3D (PG) Fri 3:15-6:35-9:15 Sat-Sun 10:15-12:30-3:15-6:35-9:15 Mon-Tue 3:15 Wed-Thu 3:15-6:35-9:15 Mon-Tue 6:35-9:15
Rio 2 (G) Fri 3:20-6:45 Sat-Sun 10:10-1-3:20-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:45
X-Men: Days of Future Past (PG) Fri 4-7-9:55 Sat-Sun 10-12:45-4-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
X-Men: Days of Future Past 3D (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:40

Park & Tilford 333 Brooksbank Ave.

Belle (G) Fri 7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:55 Mon-Wed 7:20-9:45
Blended (PG) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:55
Driving Miss Daisy: The Play (STC) Wed 7
The Fault in Our Stars (PG) No Passes Thu 9:25
The Grand Seduction (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Million Dollar Arm (G) Fri 6:45-9:35 Sat 5:15-8-10:40 Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:35 Mon-Tue 7-9:40 Wed 9:40 Thu 7-9:40
A Million Ways to Die in the West (14A) No Passes Fri 7:50-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:15-5-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
National Theatre: King Lear - Encore (STC) Sat 12:55
Neighbors (18A) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2-4:20-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:50-10
The Night Before Our Stars (STC) No Passes Thu 5:30

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Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 10:40 Mon-Thu 10
Driving Miss Daisy: The Play (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Edge of Tomorrow: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Thu 9:30
The Fault in Our Stars (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Godzilla (PG) Fri 12:30-3:35-6:35-9:35 Sat 6:35-9:35 Sun 12:30-9:35 Mon 12:30-3:35-10:05 Tue 12:30-3:35-6:35-9:35 Wed-Thu 3:35-9:35
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The Other Woman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45 Mon-Tue 1:55-4:30-7:20-10 Wed 1:50-4:25-7:15-10 Thu 1:50
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The Fault in Our Stars (PG) No Passes Thu 9:30
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Madagascar 2 (G) Sat 11
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Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 9:50
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Clova
5732-176th St., Surrey

Divergent (PG) Fri-Thu 7
The Fab Fourever (STC) Fri-Thu 7
Muppets Most Wanted (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Transcendence (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30

Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey

Bad Words (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:45
Divergent (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:15
God's Not Dead (PG) Fri-Thu 8:40
Heaven Is for Real (G) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:35
Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return 3D (G) Sat-Sun 2:30
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 4:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:35-4:40 Mon-Thu 4:40
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30
Noah (STC) Fri-Thu 8:40

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

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15051-101st Ave, Surrey

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Colossus Langley
20090-91A Ave, Langley

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Twilight Drive-In
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley

Brick Mansions (PG) Fri-Sat 2
Godzilla (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55 Sun-Thu 9:30
X-Men: Days of Future Past (PG) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun-Thu 11:45

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt arrive at the world premiere of Maleficent in Los Angeles. JOHN SHEARER/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukrainian TV host arrested after pulling yet another not-so-funny celeb 'prank'

Angelina Jolie wasn't the only villain at the premiere of Maleficent on Wednesday: A dude came up to Brad Pitt and hit him for no reason.

Vitalii Sediuk, a Ukrainian TV presenter, vaulted over the security barrier at the Maleficent premiere and struck Pitt, according to Variety. Security quickly subdued Sediuk and held him until the LAPD arrived to arrest him. He's been arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor battery. He is being held on $20,000 US bail.

This is not the first time that Sediuk has pulled one of his "pranks," which aren't particularly funny and seem more like run-of-the-mill harassment. Just a few weeks ago, he crashed the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival and stuck his head under America Ferrera's dress. He's also tried to kiss Will Smith on the mouth and groped Leonardo DiCaprio and Bradley Cooper at other red carpet events. He even managed to be onstage at the Grammys this year when Adele accepted one of her awards.

In this series of photos, actor Will Smith reacts after Ukrainian TV reporter Vitalii Sediuk tried to kiss him at a May 2012 premiere of Men in Black III in Moscow. VIDEO STILL FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Word

Tarantino and Thurman? Apparently, he's loved her for years

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Love is in the air for the Bride: Uma Thurman and Quentin Tarantino are reportedly seeing each other.

Thurman, 44, broke up with her fiancé Arpad Busson last month. Since then, she and Tarantino, who has directed her in numerous films, have begun seeing each other, according to Us Weekly.

They were extremely cosy on the red carpet for Clouds of Sils Maria at Cannes — Thurman lay her head on his shoulder and whispered in his ear, while her director paramour danced for her amusement.

Thurman and Tarantino have worked together for 20 years and have always had a close relationship. Though they've been linked to others for much of that time — in addition to her long, on-and-off engagement to Busson, Thurman was married to Ethan Hawke for six years — this isn't the first time their relationship has strayed from being purely professional.

"There has always been an attraction," a source says. "She has indulged from time to time, and that's how their relationship has always worked."

So is it serious? Sources say that Tarantino, at least, has strong feelings for the woman he's called his muse. "He's loved her for years," an insider says. Aww.

The jury's out: Jurors not impressed with Madonna for calling in sick

Madonna GETTY IMAGES

Madonna called in sick to jury duty in New York City Tuesday, and if her Instagram account is any indication, it was due to excessive partying. The singer spent the holiday weekend posting photos of her family surfing, horseback riding and barbecuing, but when it came time to do her civic duty, she wasn't feeling up to it.

A source tells Page Six that "a legitimate doctor's note was received saying she is unable to attend," but other jurors didn't think that was good enough.

"She should have come. It's absolutely not fair," one juror tells the newspaper. "Why should a celebrity get out of a duty that we have? If anything, people who have hardships should get out of it."

Twitter

@kirstiealley
found a tiny baby mallard struggling in the ocean... now I'm his mother

@NiallOfficial
It's called lazy when u check the weather on the app instead of going to the window which is 3 feet away

@IJasonAlexander
must get on one of the BBC period dramas where I can wear a cravat and not move my arms.

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While we here in Canada may see barbecuing as a seasonal kind of thing, those countries lucky enough to have a more forgiving climate consider the grill their primary cooking surface.

In South Africa the barbecue is so highly revered, the population voted to add braai (the Afrikaans word for it) to the name of their national holiday. Argentineans are no slouches when it comes to al fresco meal creation, either, calling both their grilling artistry, and the party that follows, asado. With barbecue the national dish in Argentina, the country's wines, especially those made from the malbec grape, show a slant towards a harmonious union with red meats.

Though malbec traces its roots back to the southwest of France, it's Argentina that's really run with the berry. Showing a balance of the grape's black fruit with pepper spice and bright acidity, Trapiche's 2011 Broquel Malbec ($14.95 - $17.99) makes a fine grilled meat mate, especially if you have a heavy hand when it comes to barbecue sauce.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us a veg-filled phyllo dough recipe that will satisfy even the most staunch meat lovers from her book The Free Range Cook

Clash of the textures: Silver Beet, Feta and Pine Nut Roll

THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
gustotv.com

1. Preheat oven to 180 C. Trim half of the white stalks from the silver beet and discard them. Wash, dry and chop the leaves and the rest of the stalks.

2. Heat the butter in a medium pot and cook the onion over a low heat until it is soft but not browned — about 5 minutes. Add silver beet and cook until the water from the leaves evaporates, leaving the pan dry. Removing the moisture from the silver beet in this way helps to stop the pie going soggy.

3. Remove the pot from the heat and mix in the ricotta, feta, Parmesan, coriander, nutmeg, lemon zest and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the egg.

4. Place a sheet of phyllo pastry on the bench. Brush it with melted butter or spray it liberally with oil. Place a second sheet on top and brush it with butter or spray it with oil. Repeat to form a stack of 8 pastry sheets. The phyllo dries out quickly so you will need to work fast. Cover the unused phyllo with a damp tea towel while you work.

5. Form the silver beet mixture into a sausage shape along the longest edge of the pastry, leaving a 3-cm border at the sides.

6. Turn in the sides of the pastry like an envelope and roll it up gently and loosely to fully enclose the filling, forming a log shape. If you roll it too tight it will split. Transfer the log to a baking tray, brush the top with butter and bake until it is golden and crisp — about 40 minutes.

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Ingredients

- 250 g silverbeet or spinach
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup ricotta
- 3/4 cup feta, crumbled
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup chopped coriander
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- ground black pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 8 sheets phyllo pastry
- melted butter or oil spray

This recipe serves six. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

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Western Canada's largest and best tequila festival is back and ready to take over the Hyatt Regency Hotel for another year. Tequila lovers can taste their way through nearly 40 different brands as they celebrate the third anniversary of this popular event. Check out tequila seminars, pairing dinners, master classes and more. Tickets start at $50 (includes 20 tasting tokens) and details can be found here: vantequilaexpo.com.

EAT! Vancouver

May 30 to June 1, BC Place Stadium

This weekend, head down to BC Place for three full days of all things food, cooking, entertaining, and culinary travel found inside the stadium at Canada's largest festival of its kind. Chow down on bites, catch local cheese seminars, sip local beer and wines, and get an insider culinary scoop at one of the many demo classes. For info visit: eatvancouver.com.

VCBW

May 30 to June 7, various locations

Don't miss one of the largest craft beer festivals Vancouver has to offer, starting just in time for the weekend. Celebrating its fifth anniversary, VCBW is back and features nine signature events, 12 events and a full week of special offerings. Get the hop ball rolling and catch The Peak's VCBW Opening Night with Prevail (Swollen Members), sip more than 30 craft beers and mingle with brew-minded friends. For details on all VCBW events visit: vancouvercraftbeerweek.com.

Made In Strathcona

May 31, various locations

Get to know the bustling community of Strathcona this weekend and partake in an afternoon tour. Learn more about the 500-plus businesses that call historic Strathcona home (including Hootsuite, Aritzia, and JJ Bean to name a few). This Saturday's tour focuses on manufacturing and hidden gems with a reception and drinks at The Settlement Building (formerly known as Vancouver Urban Winery). Tickets are $10 and the event takes place on May 31 and June 7, for details visit: madeinstrathcona.com.

FUEL Vancouver

May 30, various locations

Don't miss this weekend's inaugural FUEL event, a for-profit social enterprise showcasing public, large-scale conversations that explores various topics including environmental, social and technological shifts impacting our time. FUEL is a collaborative infrastructure to see ideas brought to fruition. It's a multi-day event that brings together top leaders, designers, entrepreneurs and engaged citizens and explores major sectors such as design, food, sustainability and technology. For more info visit: fuelvancouver.com.

Coming up: Motionball Marathon of Sport

June 7th, 4330 Sanderson Way, Burnaby

Get ready to gear up to give back as part of Marathon of Sport in support of motionball and the Special Olympics Canada Foundation at the EA Sports Field. MOS is a full day of athletic completion pitting motionball supporters alongside Special Olympic athletes for a memorable day of fundraising. Register yourself and friends, meet the athletes, and get ready to work up a rewarding sweat. For details on how to get involved or donate visit: motionball.com.

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Hurtado preps for homecoming in visit to Portland

Erik Hurtado will likely get a chance to play in front of his friends and family when the Vancouver Whitecaps travel to Portland to play the Timbers in another Cascadia Cup derby match on Sunday.

Not only does he seem a lock to be in Vancouver's starting lineup, but he also enters this match playing his best soccer as a member of the Whitecaps, who took him with the fifth-overall pick in last year's MLS SuperDraft.

He's scored three goals in his last three games, including one in the second leg of the Amway Canadian Championship semifinal against Toronto.

His last goal, coming Saturday against Seattle, was as an absolute thing of beauty, as he fooled a pair of defenders, then fired his shot off the underside of the crossbar and in.

Last year, as a rookie, the speedy Hurtado was on the pitch for 25 minutes as a substitute when the Whitecaps visited Portland in August.

He's expecting anywhere between 30 to 50 friends and family to be in attendance at Providence Park — formerly Jeld-Wen Stadium.

"I'm not nervous because I grew up playing in front of them," said the 23-year-old Hurtado.

The Whitecaps have recorded at least a single point in each of their last five games, with two wins in that span. They're currently fifth in the Western Conference standings. The sixth-place Timbers trail by a point. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Pete Devries is seeking his sixth championship at the eighth annual Rip Curl Pro Tofino this weekend. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

'Paid to ride waves'

Surfing. Pete Devries ready for 8th annual Rip Curl Pro Tofino

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The location of his office is sometimes temporary, subject to change. Just so long as it has a good swell. Pete Devries loves his job.

"Basically I'm just paid to ride waves," he said.

Born and raised in Tofino, a seaside district enveloped in the rugged and yet beautiful landscape of the west coast of Vancouver Island, Devries has been riding the waves of the Pacific Ocean since he was six years old, when he first stood up on a body board. By age seven, he had his surfboard and, well, he's been carving ever since.

"It's been something that's been around my life," Devries told Metro on Thursday.

Growing up, surfing wasn't the only sport Devries took part in. He played basketball, went snowboarding and skateboarding. The crashing and curling nature of the waves was his ultimate passion.

"When you become a surfer, that's your lifestyle," he said.

Devries, 31, is competing this weekend in the eighth annual Rip Curl Pro Tofino, the national surfing championship. He's a five-time champion at this event, his last title coming in the Pro Men Division last year.

The event, which has $25,000 in cash and prizes, as well as nine divisions, including Pro Men, Pro Women, Longboard and Juniors, takes place Saturday and Sunday at Cox Bay.

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Surfers have flocked to Tofino for decades, and the community has earned itself the moniker of Canada's surfing capital.

The district's tourism website states that Tofino boasts exactly 35 kilometres of beach break. It has become a year-round activity and the area includes a number of shops and schools. According to a press release from Rip Curl, the annual championship has, in the past, brought in more than $250,000 to the local tourism industry in a weekend.

"It's a really fun weekend at the beach," said Devries.

Lundqvist, Rangers deny Habs Game 7

Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist blocks a shot by the Canadiens' Thomas Vanek on Thursday night in New York. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dominic Moore scored late in the second period and Henrik Lundqvist made 18 saves as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 on Thursday to reach the Stanley Cup final for the first time in 20 years.

New York, which won the first two games in Montreal, won the Eastern Conference final 4-2.

The Rangers' last appearance in the final was 1994 when they defeated the Vancouver Canucks in seven games for their first title in 54 years. The Canadiens have not appeared in the final since 1993 when they dispatched the Los Angeles Kings in five games.

Game 6

Rangers	Canadiens
1	0

New York will face either defending champion Chicago or the Los Angeles Kings, both formidable foes, as the final kicks off Wednesday in the West.

Rangers coach Alain Vigneault showed faith in his fourth line, starting the game with Moore, Brian Boyle and Derek Dorsett. They repaid him with the key goal on a night that saw the Rangers play with more urgency than the Canadiens before an amped crowd at Madison Square Garden.

New York outshot Montreal 32-18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

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Spurs regain the lead in lopsided yet close series

The Spurs' Tim Duncan blocks Thunder forward Serge Ibaka in Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference final on Thursday in San Antonio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA playoffs. San Antonio needs one more win to return to championship round

Game 5

117	89
Spurs	Thunder

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 12 rebounds, Manu Ginobili scored 19 points and the San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 117-89 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference final.

Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green each had 14 points, Boris Diaw added 13 and Tony Parker scored 12 for the Spurs, who are a win away from returning to the NBA Finals after losing in seven games to Miami last year.

Kevin Durant scored 25 points, but Russell Westbrook had only 21 points and seven assists after finishing with 40 points and 10 assists in Game 4.

Game 6 is Saturday in Oklahoma City.

The Jekyll and Hyde series continued between the past two Western Conference champions, as the road team has been thumped in every game of the best-of-seven series.

After losing twice in Oklahoma City by an average of 11 points, San Antonio upped its winning margin in San Antonio to 26.7 points.

"We played so much harder, sharper, smarter, everything we talked about," Ginobili said. "It was a fun-to-play and fun-to-watch game. So when we play like this it's a completely different story." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jays fall short of 10th straight win

Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers but a late throwing error by shortstop Jose Reyes proved costly as Kansas City came back for an 8-6 win Thursday to end the Blue Jays' winning streak at nine games.

Encarnacion has hit a club-record 16 home runs in May. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eli back on the 'A' team

Eli Manning participated with the first-team offence Thursday at the New York Giants' organized team activity, showing no signs of the ankle surgery he underwent nearly two months ago.
"I feel like I can do almost anything football-related," said Manning, who took most of the snaps during the workout. "I'm not going to take any time off. This is the second day, and I want to see how it's responding. There is no swelling, no discomfort, no issues. I'm able to go about my business." RON ANTONELLI/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Relationships seem to be taking on a more aggressive edge, due to the presence of Mars in your opposite sign. Keep reminding yourself that life is not a battle and that people are not the enemy. Compromise is best.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You are advised not to make too many plans. If someone asks you to take on extra responsibilities, turn them down flat. Your health could be at risk if you push too hard.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The tempo of life has picked up and it will pick up more today and over the weekend. Can you stand the pace? Of course you can. You think and act twice as fast as most other people.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone will try to compel you to do things you don't want to do today. It may be that for now you have no choice but to do what they say but start looking around for ways you can get out from under their thumb.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to be endowed with almost limitless energy at the moment and are getting so much done that it's unlikely you will let up soon. Remember though that it is quality work that counts, not quantity.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You've built up momentum in recent weeks and you will be moving onward and upward for some time yet. Having said that, you know you cannot keep up this pace forever.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Mars in your sign makes life more exciting. Wherever you go and whatever you do today, you must seize the initiative and make sure the world knows you are a force to be reckoned with.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't have to be the life of the party and with Saturn in your sign it's unlikely you will win any prizes for popularity. But do you care? Of course not!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
By all means stand up for what you believe but don't turn it into a war. Just because some disagree with you does not mean you have to beat them into submission.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If someone in a position of power says or does something that you disagree with today you would be wise not to let it show. According to the planets, you are not yet strong enough to confront them directly.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With the Sun and Mars well placed in your chart, you can easily find ways to get past other people's defenses. You can be subtle about it but more likely you prefer to blast your way through. It's more fun.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is a lot of gossip at the moment and it could damage your credibility. You must speak up and let others know that what is being said about you is not remotely true. You're just not that bad. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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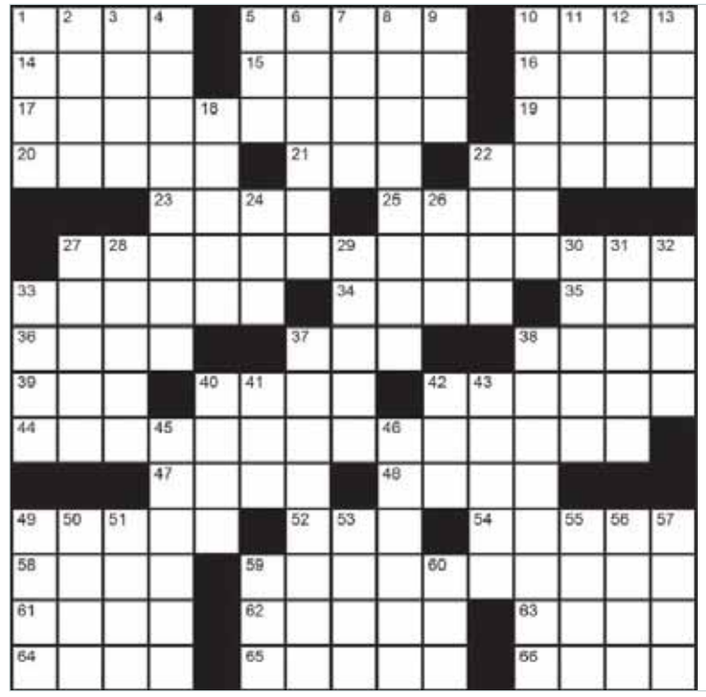

Across

1. Monsieur Le Pew
5. Loudly sleep
10. Bobby Darin's "__ the Knife"
14. Oil of __
15. Mr. Thompson of "Saturday Night Live"
16. Reign
17. Angelina Jolie's new Disney movie
19. Eminem tune
20. __ album
21. Dress
22. Temperaments
23. Ms. Bombeck
25. $1000, commonly
27. Saskatchewan's provincial flower: 3 wds.
33. Michael C. Hall title role
34. River of England
35. My own, in Latin
36. River islets
37. Deception
38. Bird's 'snout'
39. Business boss, briefly
40. Songstress Tori
42. Abrasion
44. Jean Coutu and London Drugs: 2 wds.
47. "Star Trek" episode, __ Time
48. Music's *N__
49. Comedian Mr. Marx
52. Ad __ committee
54. Small boat
58. Sacred Buddhist peak
59. Scenic attraction in Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
61. "Oh, ___ careful!" (Play it safe)
62. FOX News host Ms. Van Susteren
63. Noun-creating suffix
64. Outlying
65. "__ __ be expected..." (No big surprises)
66. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" role, Lieutenant Commander __

Down

1. Ceremonial magnificence
2. Valley where David slew Goliath
3. Texas: __ Duro Canyon
4. Optometrists administer them: 2 wds.
5. Jet __
6. Fruit juice
7. Count Basie's "__ _'Clock Jump"
8. Made sense: 2 wds.
9. 'Persist' suffix
10. Neil Young penned tune that goes "...when the messenger brought me a letter.": 2 wds.
11. CAW = Canadian __ Workers
12. Clothed
13. Mattel dolls
18. Strong suit
22. Way
24. Madonna's "__ Girl"
26. Fellows
27. Consider
28. Surplus
29. Clamorous
30. "_ __ business!"
31. Jumps
32. Pilot's 'steering wheel'
33. Not wet/not dry
37. London, ON born actor Gene (b.1891 - d.1957) who is the father of actress June
38. Mason's favourite hue, perhaps: 2 wds.
40. Mil. stockpile
41. __ jacket
42. Bashful
43. Able, archaically
45. Zorro's 'Z'-marking prop
46. Actor, George _. __
49. Daytime TV host Ms. Kotb
50. "I __ __ the opinion that..."
51. Country's Ms. McEntire
53. UK awards since 1917
55. 'Collection'-meaning suffix
56. Book genre, briefly
57. One-named bassist
59. Movie special effects, commonly
60. Spiriual 'way'

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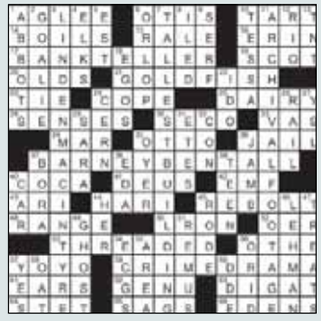

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

5			7		4			8
7	2	3				9	4	6
		9	3		7	1		
3								7
		6	2		5	8		
1	5	4				3	6	9
8			5		6			1

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	3	6	9	5	2	1	7
7	2	6	3	8	1	4	9	5
5	1	9	7	2	4	6	3	8
3	9	1	4	6	8	7	5	2
2	6	5	1	7	3	9	8	4
8	7	4	9	5	2	3	6	1
9	3	2	5	1	7	8	4	6
1	4	7	8	3	6	5	2	9
6	5	8	2	4	9	1	7	3

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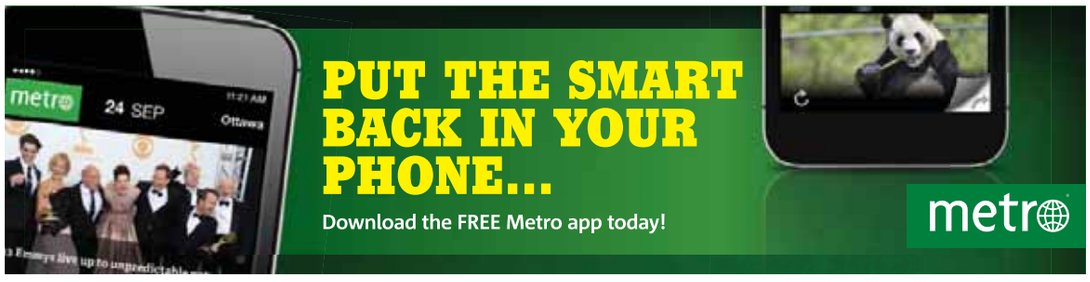

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